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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th August 1868.

No. 203. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 7th August 1868, No. 113 :—

1. With reference to Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 10th June 1868, No. 1,629, on the subject of making the proposed road from Kolangode* to Pollachi partly from Local and partly from Forest Funds, I have the honor to enclose a rough sketch of the roads in that neighbourhood. It will be seen that the road to Anamallay, (the forest road,) branches off from the old Pollachi road about two miles from Kolangode, and leads in a south-easterly direction. The proposed new road to Pollachi is nearly parallel to the line of the old one, but a little to the south of it, and it consequently crosses the Anamallay road. There can be no doubt that it will be used by the Forest Department from its commencement near Kolangode up to this point, the exact distance being slightly over two miles. The total length of road to be made to the Coimbatore frontier is stated to be eight miles. For one-fourth of its distance, therefore, it will be made use of for all the Anamallay timber traffic.

* District Road List No. 60.

2. I would earnestly press the claim of this road to receive a portion at least of the cost of its construction from Imperial Funds. It can be maintained after completion from Local Funds, but to throw the construction of so costly† a work on Local Funds, involves either the allotment of an undue share of those funds to Palghaut (already highly favored in its allotments as will be seen from the marginal note), or spread the completion of the work over a number of years, which is a confessedly bad principle to go upon.

† The estimate amounts to Rupees 30,250.

	Allotment for 1868-69. RS.
Palghaut Talook	21,000
Average of the talooks	14,000

The Superintending Engineer has just written to me, urging a further allotment from Local Funds this year, pointing out that the work is progressing favorably, that Rupees 3,800 of the allotment of Rupees 5,000 have already been spent, and that if a further allotment is not made, the work will have to be stopped next month, which will be a great pity.

3. I have, therefore, requested sanction, under the circumstances, to allot a further sum of Rupees 3,000 from Local Funds; but as above said, this is really at the expense of the just claims of other parts of the district.

4. I have already pointed‡ out that the line is very necessary on various accounts; it affects two districts, opens a wild country; its construction will be followed by considerable reclamation of waste and extension of cultivation, from which Government will derive an increased revenue, and it certainly deserves a liberal imperial grant.

‡ Collector's letter printed with G. O., dated 29th April 1868, No. 1,154.

I trust this will be made available for next year's operations.

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No. 204. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1868, No. 2,161.

Forests, No. 6.

Forwarded to the Conservator of Forests for his remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Collector of Malabar.
,, the Board of Revenue,

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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